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The Secretary presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and wishes to bring to their attention information concerning an Amended Order from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the requirement for a negative pre-departure test for COVID-19 or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 for all airline or aircraft passengers two years of age or older arriving into the United States from any foreign country. This Order is effective as of **12:01am EST (5:01am GMT) on December 6, 2021.** **The Department notes that these requirements apply to all foreign mission personnel and their dependents; there are no exceptions for holders of diplomatic visas.**

The text of the Amended Order and the required Combined Passenger Disclosure and Attestation form can be found on the CDC website at the following location: <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/fr-proof-negative-test.html>. Further explanation of the Amended Order and the information required from air passengers can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>.

The Amended Order supplements, and does not replace, previously announced Proclamations establishing additional travel restrictions and vaccination

requirements for entering the United States (Proclamation 10294, *Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic*, issued on October 25, 2021). Further information concerning this Proclamation can be found by reviewing Circular Note No. 21-1982 at <https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-11-05-Presidential-Proclamation-Oct-25-Vaccine-Travel-Updates.pdf>.

Inquiries concerning this and other matters related to COVID-19 may continue to be transmitted by electronic mail to [OFM-EmergencyMGT@state.gov](mailto:OFM-EmergencyMGT@state.gov). Past circular diplomatic notes and notices released by the Office of Foreign Missions related to COVID-19 may be found at: <https://www.state.gov/office-of-foreign-missions-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.

Department of State,

Washington, December 8, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JM', is located to the right of the date.